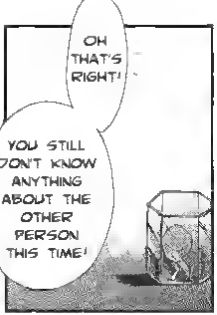
WHY?
I'VE ASKED HIM OUT ON SEVERAL DATES SENT HIM FLOWERS ON HIS BIRTHDAY DROPPED SO MANY HINTS THAT MY TEETH ARE LIKELY TO FALL OUT
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS
SO THEN... WHY—
WHY AREN'T THINGS GOING THE WAY I WANT THEM TO?!
SO I WAS CERTAIN HE WOULD TELL ME THAT HE LIKED ME TOO...

THAT MAN—
TAKASUGI
YOHICHIROH!
AS I
WAS
SAYING!
世紀末★
ダーリン!

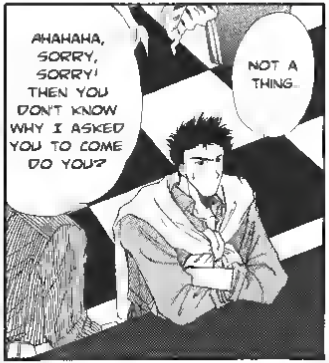
THE FIRST TIME I SAW THIS PERSON, I LOST MY BREATH!
THIS TIME—
I'M COMPLETELY IN LOVE!
MMM HOW AMAZING
MUST BE NICE FOR YOU TO HAVE A TON OF PEOPLE THAT YOU'RE COMPLETELY IN LOVE WITH!!!
IT'S DIFFERENT THIS TIME!
What number is this one? 13?
REALLY... IT'S DIFFERENT...
Oh really?
I CAUGHT SIGHT OF HIS FIGURE...
I HEARD HIS VOICE...
THAT'S ALL IT TOOK

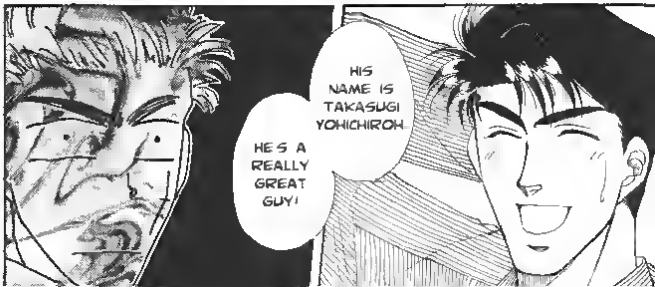
Ahhh?
MY HEART BEATS LIKE A BOY WHO KNOWS LOVE FOR THE FIRST TIME!
POUNDING AS THOUGH IT WILL NEVER STOP!
ALTHOUGH I KNOW IT'S AN IMPOSSIBLE WISH I BEG ANYWAY! OH, THE SORROWFUL NATURE OF A MAN IN LOVE!
I WANT TO GAZE UPON THE RADIANCE! WITH THESE AUDACIOUS ARMS I WANT TO HOLD MY LOVE CLOSE!
DA-DUN!
AHHH— IS THIS THE TRUE NATURE OF LOVE?!
OH, KOU-CHAN, YOU'RE ALWAYS SO ENERGETIC.
Barkeep refill!
OR MAYBE JUST STUPID.
Whuh?


OH THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU STILL DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE OTHER PERSON THIS TIME!

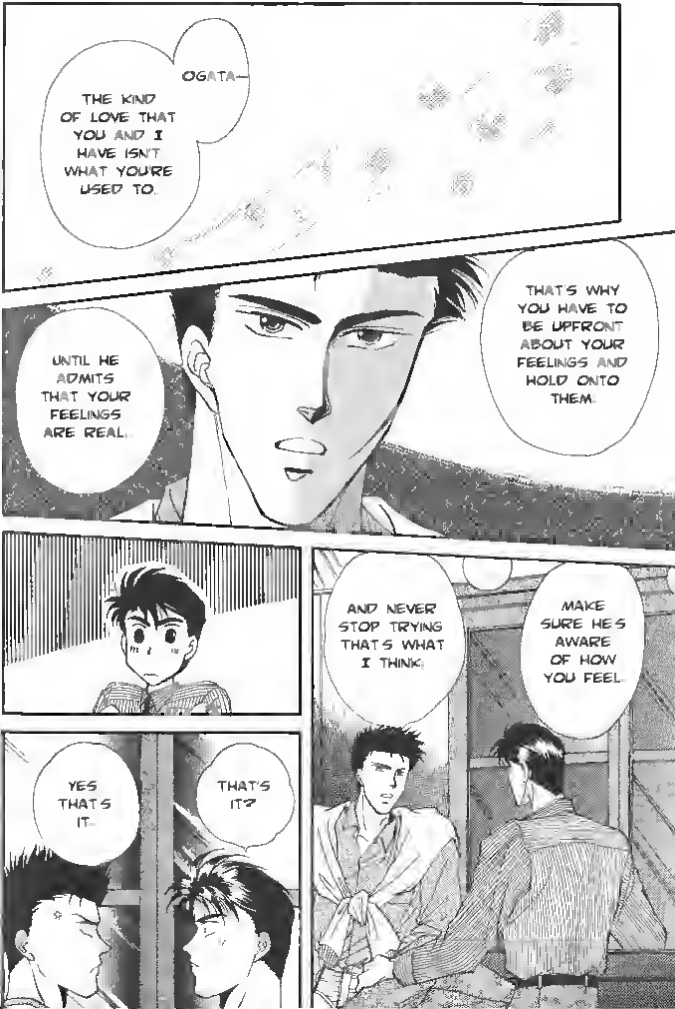
I'M BEING BLUNT BECAUSE YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND, STUPID.
Kushimi
HEY YOU, IS THAT HOW YOU SHOULD TREAT YOUR BEST FRIEND?!
Stop that!
Ahh, dreamy!

WELL... ACTUALLY, THIS TIME...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?


AHAHAHA, SORRY, SORRY! THEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHY I ASKED YOU TO COME DO YOU?
NOT A THING.


HE'S A REALLY GREAT GUY!
HIS NAME IS TAKASUGI YOHICHIROH.

I'M BEGGING YOU, SHIKIBU!!
IF WE WERE TALKING ABOUT A WOMAN, I'VE DATED SO MANY I LOST COUNT—
YOU'RE DATING TSUTSUMI— THERE'S NO ONE WHO CAN GIVE ME ADVICE EXCEPT YOU!!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
PLEASE TELL ME
Don't give me that face...
HMM, WHAT TO DO YOU ASK...
You know, you didn't have to drop it on me like this


OGATA—
THE KIND OF LOVE THAT YOU AND I HAVE ISN'T WHAT YOU'RE USED TO.
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE TO BE UPFRONT ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS AND HOLD ONTO THEM.
UNTIL HE ADMITS THAT YOUR FEELINGS ARE REAL.
MAKE SURE HE'S AWARE OF HOW YOU FEEL.
AND NEVER STOP TRYING THAT'S WHAT I THINK.
THAT'S IT?
YES THAT'S IT.

Hey, are you listening?
THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS IN LOVE
ESPECIALLY IF IT'S THIS KIND OF LOVE
IN ANY CASE, I WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THIS FROM YOU OF ALL PEOPLE...
CLINK
THIS MAN OF YOURS MUST BE REALLY SOMETHING
YEAH...
HE'S AMAZING
WELL ANYWAY, GOOD LUCK
TAKE YOUR TIME... ATTACK SLOWLY!
CUZ IT TOOK ME...
..SIX YEARS TO WIN TSUTSUMI OVER!
SMIRK

FEELS LIKE...
MAKE MY MOVE HUH?
HE'S HERE!!
Thanks for your hard work!

NOW! SAY IT KOHSAKU!!
ALRIGHT!
AH!
TA—!
YOU'RE OGATA, RIGHT?
—HUH?
OGATA-SAN, FROM K-ADVERTISING'S SALES DIVISION, CORRECT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
UHM..
HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT ME?
WELL YOU'RE COMING BY THE COMPANY ALL THE TIME...
AND THE WOMEN WON'T STOP TALKING ABOUT YOU
OGATA-SAN THIS, AND "OGATA-SAN" THAT!
WELL, I SEE YOU CERTAINLY ARE A FINE MAN.

I HAVE TICKES TO THE GIANTS GAME AT THE DOME, AND—
IF YOU LIKE—CAN WE GO TOGETHER?
UHM... TAKASUGI-SAN?
YES?
ba-dump!
SOUNDS LIKE FUN!
I did it!!
JUST LIKE THAT...
ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump ba-dump

LITTLE BY LITTLE..
Win Kawase wins!
HOME RUN!! COME ON!!!
Ohhh he's so hot in casual clothes too!
What the hell! All these movies are sports
I CLOSED THE DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND TAKASUGI.
THE MORE I GOT TO KNOW TAKASUGI AS A PERSON..
THE MORE IRREPLACEABLE HE BECAME TO ME

WHAT ON EARTH DO I MEAN TO HIM?
BUT—
TAKASUGI-SAN.
Home, home!
I—
I THINK YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY GUESSED A LITTLE...
SO I'M GOING TO BE BLUNT...
I...
I REALLY LIKE YOU, TAKASUGI.

PLEASE TELL ME HONESTLY.
I LIKE YOU MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE.
SO... I HAVE TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF ME.
WELL, I HAD A HUNCH, BUT IT'S STILL AWKWARD BEING TOLD THAT FACE-TO-FACE.
LET'S SEE... YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING VERY HARD TO MAKE ME HAPPY
I FEEL LUCKY JUST TO BE WITH YOU
SO I'M VERY GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT YOU LIKE ME
I ALSO LIKE YOU A LOT

IT'S THE SAME.
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT
JUST TO BE SURE...
ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME KIND OF "LIKE"?
BUT...!
TAKASUGI-SAN...
I'M SORRY
slam
OUR FEELINGS ARE TOO SIMILAR
SO IN THE END, IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T WORK OUT FOR US.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I FEEL FOR YOU...

TAKASUGI!!
WHAT—
TAKASUGI, WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?!
THAT'S IT? NO MORE CONTACT FROM HIM?
ALTHOUGH HE TURNED ME DOWN GENTLY
I REALLY
I CAN'T BE SATISFIED WITH JUST THAT!
WELL, IN ANY CASE... I SAID WHAT I NEEDED TO SAY

WAIT A MINUTE—!
JUST GO HOME I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO SAY TO YOU
OGATA
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT YOU LIKED ME?
AND I LIKE YOU TOO! WHY ARE WE TOO SIMILAR FOR IT TO WORK?!
THEN I'LL ASK YOU—
SUPPOSING WE COULD BE TOGETHER... WHAT WOULD YOU INTEND TO DO WITH ME?
hmfh
...YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW?
I REALLY DON'T!

GAAAAA
WELL... THAT IS... OF COURSE!
HUH?!
FIRST I WANT TO—
—KISS ME.
PULL YOU CLOSE TO ME AND—
—HOLD ME TIGHT.
UHM... THROW YOU DOWN AND...
...HAVE YOUR WAY WITH ME?
I...
...FEEL THAT SAME WAY WHEN I LOOK AT YOU.

WE WANT THE SAME THING FROM A PARTNER...
THE WAY I LIKE YOU AND THE WAY THAT YOU LIKE ME ARE TOO SIMILAR
THAT IS TO SAY...
IT'S A MATTER OF WHICH OF US WILL FALL FOR THE OTHER FIRST
SO SINCE IT'S COME TO THIS...
WAIT A MINUTE...!
BUT SINCE IT'S TURNED OUT LIKE THIS YOU'VE INSPIRED ME TO FOLLOW MY TRUE FEELINGS TOO—I'M GOING TO WIN YOU OVER
WAIT...
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW YOU FELT BEFORE, SO I WASN'T GOING TO SAY ANYTHING...
TELL ME HE'S JOKING!!
LET'S EACH DO OUR BEST, SHALL WE?
SOMEBODY—

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TAKASUGI!
I LOVE YOU!
OGATA...
WHY?!
STOP! IT COULD NEVER WORK...! WE...

I KNOW YOU LOVE ME TOO!
TAKASUGI!
SO PLEASE SAY IT...
TELL ME THAT YOU LOVE ME
I... LOVE YOU
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
TAKASUGI...
OGATA, YOU'RE...
WHOA—!
...YOU'RE SO...

SO ADORABLE I WANT TO JUST EAT YOU UP!!
HEHE...
YOU'RE CUTE WHEN YOU'RE TERRIFIED TOO!
BUT...
I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO PARADISE!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID.
IT'S ALRIGHT, BECAUSE NOW...

Gone greyhaired
Haa...
Haa...
Haa...

Haa
Haa
Haa
DREAM
Haa
Haa
Haa
Haa
Haa

WHEW
JUST A DREAM?!

HEY, OGATA. DID YOU GET ENOUGH SLEEP?
AHH—! I... JUST HAD SOME WEIRD DREAMS, IS ALL...
HAHA, MUST BE NICE TO BE YOUNG, EH?
GO AWAY, OLD MAN!!
THAT HORRIBLE DREAM!!
HOW COULD HE UNDERSTAND—!!

I CAN'T GIVE UP ON HIM!!
PROOF THIS DATA FOR ME WILL YOU?
OHH, BUT—
HEY... OGATA
THAT'S WHY I—
WAA!!
O—
OGATA
—
WH
Hey, go knock him out of it!
Not me!
BUT MOST OF ALL—
OKAY— EVERYTHING IS FINE!

IF I CAN WIN HIS HEART—
IT WILL BE A GLORIOUS THING!
crowd backing away
TAKAGI— THIS DATA?
OH, RIGHT

OGATA-SAN, TELEPHONE FOR YOU!
DON'T ASK ME!
WHAT'S WITH OGATA?
Hehe, go Me!
IT'S SOMEONE NAMED TAKASUGI
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO ON A TRIP TOGETHER?

A BIT SUDDEN, ISN'T IT?
IS THIS...
IF I TOLD YOU THAT I COULD GET IT FOR US CHEAP WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?
I HAVE A FRIEND THAT OWNS A HOT SPRINGS RESORT
HUH?
...A TRAP?!
ARE YOU SCARED?
Bar
Clump

WHA— WHAT'S THERE TO BE SCARED OF?!
smile
WELL!
THEN IT'S ALL FINE!

OOPS LOOK AT THE TIME! GOTTA RUN, BUT I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH!
AHHH—!
OH?
IT'S A REALLY NICE PLACE I'M SURE YOU'LL LOVE IT—
HUH—
AHH—! HERE'S THE BROCHURE FOR THE HOTEL—
EH? ERM...
NOW FOR WHAT DAY... LET'S SEE—THE EXTRA DAY OFF NEXT WEEKEND WOULD BE GOOD, YES—
HEY!
SEE YOU LATER!
I'M SURE IT WILL BE LOTS OF FUN!
HE'S...
...SO AMAZING!

BUT WHAT DOES THIS TURN OF EVENTS MEAN FOR ME?
SOMEHOW I GET THE FEELING I WAS TRICKED INTO THIS QUITE SKILLFULLY...
OR AM I SUPER SCREWED ?!
AM I SUPER LUCKY
WHICH IS IT—?
Uhm, sir?
Excuse me... we're closing now.
gurgle gurgle

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Shikibu
SO NOW YOU'RE SUPER SCREWED EH?
BUT NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, HE SEEMS TO ALWAYS BE TWO STEPS AHEAD OF YOU
HOW BOUT YOU GIVE UP AND ADMIT YOU'VE LOST?
YOU KNOW YOU COULD SHOW SOME SYMPATHY!!
MAN, YOU ARE SUCH A SPAZ!
nooooo

NOT A CHANCE!! TSUTSUMI AND I ARE GOING TO SPEND THE WEEKEND WITH JUST THE TWO OF US-!
SON OF A...
HE'S PROBABLY MADE PLANS FOR TWO- HOW THE HELL WOULD I FIT INTO THOSE?!
WHAT ?!
SHIKIBU-!! I'M BEGGING YOU FOLLOW ME THERE AND HELP ME OUT!!
NO NO YOU AND TSUTSUMI JUST HAPPEN TO SHOW UP AT THE SAME PLACE!
DAMN IT, I DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR IT NOW! OR DID YOU FORGET HOW OFTEN I BUY YOU LUNCH?!
SHUT UP! SHOULD HAVE ASKED FOR IT SOONER!
RUMBLE
CRASH
GRR
AHH! COME NOW YOU TWO!
POKE
STOP FIGHTING.

YEP!
I HAVEN'T BEEN TO A HOT SPRING IN YEARS!
YOU —!!
ISN'T IT NICE?
REALLY ?!
I WAS LISTENING TO YOUR STORY…
WOULD YOU MIND IF I WENT?
I'M HAPPY AS LONG AS I'M WITH SHIKIBU!
I DON'T CARE WHO ELSE GOES…
BESIDES…
yay!
WELL… I GUESS IF TSUTSUMI SAYS SO…
damn you! I will get you for this!

I was hoping that you would understand MY feelings, actually
SURELY YOU CAN SYMPATHIZE, SHIKIBU?
I CAN SORT OF... UNDER-STAND HOW OGATA FEELS
RIGHT, OGATA?
TSUTSUMI-SAN...
YOU REALLY ARE NERVOUS ABOUT YOUR FIRST TIME!

HA~~~
HA HA HA HA!!
HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!!
HUH?
HI
WA
AH... SORRY!
I JUST ASSUMED THAT—
INSANITY
THAT'S... THAT'S NOT IT...!!
I... I...

TSUTSUMI— HOW MUCH OF THE CONVERSATION DID YOU HEAR?
AH... JUST THE PART ABOUT THE HOT SPRINGS ACTUALLY
I...
BEING LIKE THIS...
I MUST LOOK PRETTY HOPELESS HUH?
OGATA IT'S NOT THAT—
THE WAY IT APPEARS TO ME—
YOU'RE SIMPLY...
BETTER SUITED FOR BEING LOVED.

OGATA.
IF THIS WERE A ONE-SIDED LOVE THEN IT WOULD BE EASY
IT'S BEING LOVED AT THE SAME TIME THAT'S DIFFICULT.
HE'S SAYING YOU'RE SOOOO GOING TO GET—
BONK
OF COURSE I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING WEIRD BY THAT!
YOU SHOULD THINK ABOUT BEING LOVED TOO.
RIGHT NOW YOU'RE ALL WRAPPED UP WITH BEING IN LOVE
BUT SINCE THAT'S ONLY A SMALL PART OF IT—

WATCHING YOUR OPPONENT'S MOVES IS A VALID STRATEGY!
YOU...
HE'S RIGHT! HE'S RIGHT! TAKE THE TIME TO ENJOY THE SITUATION!
THERE'S NO USE THINKING ABOUT IT
THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!
He talks nonsense.
HUH...
ENJOY THE SITUATION, EH?
SO TONIGHT DRINK UP!

These two are (trying to be) in disguise.
FINALLY— THIS IS THE DAY!
AND SO...
THE WEEK FLOWED BY
SHIKIBU !!
AT LAST, THE FATEFUL WEEKEND ARRIVED!!
WHEN WE GET THERE YOU'RE GOING TO SHOUT "HEY... WHAT A SURPRISE!" IN A SURPRISED WAY. GOT IT?!
YEAH, I GOT IT, DON'T WORRY!

WHAT?
OH, AND OGATA—
WHAT NOW?
AND BY THE WAY, WHAT IS UP WITH THAT AWFUL COSTUME?!
IS THAT THE BEST YOU COULD THINK OF?
WILL YOU BE OKAY?
OGATA, WHAT IF YOU'RE WRONG...
GOOD LUCK LOVER-BOY!
HE IS NOT GOING TO DO THAT
heebie jeebies
whoo
AND HE DOES SOMETHING LIKE THIS
EIGHTY DOLLARS THAT OGATA FALLS FOR HIM
FIFTY DOLLARS SAYS OGATA FALLS FOR HIM
Tsutsuiii! that's not much of a bet...
SO, WHAT NOW?
hmph!
Have a nice trip honey!

SORRY I'M LATE!
TAKASUGI!
HE'S HERE!
ALRIGHT!
THE FIRST APPROACH IS CRUCIAL!!
NOT THAT WAY THIS WAY
WELL UH, SHALL WE GO—
HA HA HA HA!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRY SO HARD!
ND YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY—

YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHOSE HEART IS POUNDING.
MY GOAL FOR THIS TRIP—
IS TO MAKE YOU LIKE ME EVEN MORE.
STARTING NOW.

IT COULD TURN OUT TO BE YOU...
THAT ENDS UP LIKING ME MORE
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...
WE SEEM TO BE EQUALLY MATCHED
YOU'RE GOING TO PUT UP A FIGHT, EH?
I HEAR YOU I HEAR YOU!
AH— THERE IT IS!
BECAUSE NO WAY, NO HOW AM I GOING TO LOSE!!
Not even the author knows!
Indeed what does fate have in store for our heroes?
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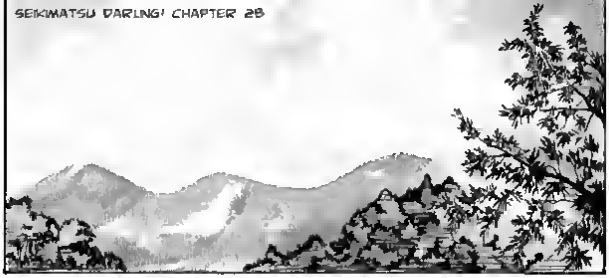
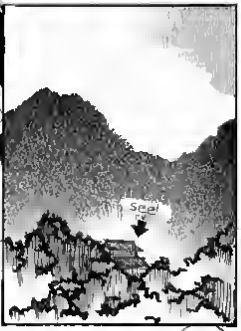


HEY I THINK YOU CAN SEE IT UP AHEAD!
JUST A LITTLE FURTHER.
TA... TAKASUGI... ARE WE THERE YET?

YOU CAN?!
HUHHH--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YANO!
YO, TAKASUGI! YOU FINALLY MADE IT!
YOU CAN'T DENY IT...
YEAH... ENOUGH
HEY OGATA, YOU OKAY?
WE ARRIVED AT THE STATION AND AFTER CLEVERLY "BUMPING INTO" TSUTSUMI AND SHIKIBU...
SO IT ALL WENT AS PLANNED?
WHERE DOES HE GET THAT STRENGTH FROM?
Ogata?! How amazing and fortuitous!!
Friends of my heart!!
TAKASUGI IS REALLY ASTONISHING
LOOK— EVEN WALKING ALL THAT WAY HASN'T FAZED HIM

FINALLY WHEN WE GOT OFF... (AT THE LAST STOP)
HOPPED ONTO A BUS...
bus bus bus bus bus
bus bus bus bus bus
WE SWITCHED TO A LOCAL TRAIN LINE...
Choo choo choo choo
Choo choo choo choo
IT'S ABOUT A ONE-HOUR WALK FROM HERE. BUT THAT'S NOT TOO BAD
WELL,
TAKASUGI SMILED SWEETLY AND SAID—
YEAH HE SAID THAT

BUT TAKASUGI FAR FROM GETTING TIRED, HE'S STILL FULL OF ENERGY!
HE EVEN CARRIED MY LUGGAGE FOR ME!!
GAAA!!
BUT YOU KNOW, SINCE I WAS ALSO CONFIDENT OF MY STRENGTH...
what a STUD!
I WAS ECSTATIC THINKING THAT I COULD USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OFF.
WHERE IN THAT SLENDER BODY OF HIS DOES HE HIDE THAT STRENGTH ??
mental image
AHH...

THUD
BECAUSE CURRENTLY YOU'RE BEING COMPLETELY BEAT DOWN!
HMM? OH THAT'S RIGHT...
ANYWAY... IF I DON'T TURN THIS SITUATION AROUND SOMEHOW...
LET'S DIVIDE UP THE ROOMS...
SO, UHM...
DAMN YOU!!
AH WELL I DON'T MIND ROOTING FOR THE LOSING TEAM
AND DINNER WILL BE IN HERE
WEIRD NAMES...
OGATA AND I WILL BE IN THE "BABY BAMBOO" ROOMS WHILE SHIKIBU AND TSUTSUMI CAN STAY IN THE "MUSHROOM" SUITE
mushroom?

AHH...
YOU TIRED?
AH— NO
I'M JUST SORRY THAT THOSE NOISY TWO ENDED UP TAGGING ALONG
I DON'T MIND.
ARE THEY OLD FRIENDS OF YOURS?
"OLD FRIENDS"?
SHIKIBU'S MORE LIKE SOMEONE I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET RID OF SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL.
MIDDLE SCHOOL HUH?
I WONDER
WHAT WERE YOU LIKE BACK THEN?
HUH?
MUST BE NICE—
I ENVY SHIKIBU

EVEN THOUGH I'M USED TO SEEING TAKASUGI'S EYES...
HOW... HOW STRANGE
UHMM
ba-dump ba-dum, ba-dump
WHEN HE LOOKED AT ME LIKE THAT...
OGATA—
YES ?!
SINCE WE HAVE SOME TIME UNTIL DINNER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO CHECK OUT THE HOT SPRINGS?
OH, IS THAT SO? GOOD IDEA, YES...!
MUST KEEP COOL!
BY ALL MEANS, LET'S GO!
WAA!!

WHOAAA!
AND THERE'S NO ONE ELSE HERE EITHER.
AS THOUGH WE HAD IT RESERVED.
COOL!
TAKASUGI OVER HERE IT'S BEEN MADE UP LIKE A JUNGLE!
WHAAA! IT'S SO BIG! SO AWESOME!
OH—!

OGATA ?!
BONK
HAHAHA... NO, IT'S NOTHING... YOU'RE JUST...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT? IS THE SULFUR SMELL MAKING YOU SICK?
AMAZING
AND TO THINK YOU LOOK SO THIN WHEN YOU'RE IN CLOTHES...
Not what I had imagined at ALLL???
HUH?
HUH?

GULPGLE
GURGLE
IT'S TOO MUCH
IT'S TOO MUCH
IT'S TOO MUCH!!
Dinner is ser...
You okay?
It's too much.
Hey don't mind us!
Here, have a cup!
AHH.
Oh, thanks!
I GUESS...
I REALLY CAN'T BEAT TAKASUGI CAN I
HEY, OGATA!
YOU'VE HARDLY HAD A DROP!!
Woah!
DRINK SOME!
Woah!

ZZZSNORKZZZ...
Zzzz...
Z Z Z Z Z Z
...AND THEY ALL PASSED OUT.
GUESS I COULD TAKE A BATH.
OGATA...

男
TAKASUGI
OGATA
I DIDN'T SEE YOU, AND I WAS WONDERING IF SOMETHING WAS WRONG...
AH—NO I WAS JUST BORED, SO I TOOK A BATH
I WAS ABOUT TO GET OUT.

FROGS
WELL, SHALL WE GO ?
?!
No idea why there is a bowl of frogs
WATCH OUT!!
UWAH!!

OOF
WHOOSH
SPLASH!
TAKASUGI?
S-SORRY
BE MORE CAREFUL, OKAY?
I'VE LOST HAVEN'T I?

WHEN I CAME HERE...
I SAID THAT I WOULD MAKE YOU LIKE ME EVEN MORE, BUT--
BUT IT SEEMS TO ME...
THAT I'M THE ONE...
WHO'S ENDED UP LIKING YOU MORE.
I'VE FALLEN SO HARD FOR YOU
TAKA-SUGI...
IT CAN'T BE...

THAT'S HOW I FELT
TAKASUGI ?
THUD
TAKA-SUGI...

ずばしゃーん
TAKASUGI ?!
SPLASH
TAKASUGI!!!

TAKASUGI! YOU WOKE UP!!
I_
YOU PASSED OUT IN THE BATH
Incidentally we are in the mushroom suite.
SCARED THE HELL OUT OF ME
I SEE_ SO I PASSED OUT AGAIN_
AGAIN?
WHAT'S THIS "AGAIN"? TAKASUGI—
NO— NOTHING!

I...
I GET DIZZY REALLY EASILY
I am soaking towels !
TAKASUGI.
IF I'M N A HOT BATH FOR MORE THAN ABOUT TEN MINUTES I JUST PASS OUT
HUH?
THEN YOU WERE REALLY PUSHING IT BACK THERE!
I COULDN'T TELL YOU! IT'S MUCH TOO EMBARRASSING!!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
TELL YOU ?!

ESPECIALLY IN FRONT OF YOU...
TAKASUGI...
TAKASUGI, IF WE'RE ON THE TOPIC OF EMBARRASSNG THINGS I'VE GOT A MOUNTAN OF EM THAT YOU'VE BEEN SEENG
THAT'S NOT TR—
I DO!
BUT EVEN SO—
YOU STILL LIKE ME?
YES—
WELL THEN, IT'S THE SAME FOR ME.
EVERYTHING I LEARN ABOUT YOU BECOMES SOMETHING I LIKE ABOUT YOU

BUT... IT'S NOT FAIR
IT SEEMS TO ME THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY WEAK POINTS
NO MATTER HOW EMBARRASSING YOU THINK SOMETHING IS...
PLEASE KEEP LIKING ME
BECAUSE I'LL ALWAYS LIKE YOU
—THAT'S THE TRUTH.
YOU THINK SO?
WELL IF ANYTHING I'D SAY THAT...
WE CERTAINLY...

COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING BUT OUR OWN FAULTS
...IS YOU.
MY WEAK POINT...
HMM WHAT'S THAT?

WHAT'S WRONG?!
moth
I'M SORRY THIS MOTH JUST CAME FLYING IN OUT OF NOWHERE
AH...
A MOTH !?
GAAAAAH
TRANS NOTE
IN JAPANESE
"GA" - MOTH

"MY WEAK POINT..."
"...IS YOU"
MAN, YOU'VE HAD A THING AGAINST MOTHS SINCE WAY BACK WHEN
UWAAH! GET RID OF IT YOU IDIOT!!
YOU ARE STILL AFRAID OF THOSE THINGS?
My word it's huge
SH— SHUT UP!
KUH?
EH?
SORRY, SORRY!
OH, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
TAKA-SUGI!!
I'M SORRY!
HA HA HA HA HA HA

I'M ALREADY GETTING USED TO THE IDEA...
I LOVE YOU TOO
WHAT IS THIS?
...WE REALLY DO LOVE EACH OTHER
COME TO THINK OF IT...
...I COULD TOSS OUT THIS FOOLISH PRIDE...
MAYBE IN THIS CASE...
IF IT'S OGATA...
BUT IF IT'S WITH TAKA SUGI

...IT MIGHT BE OKAY.

Whoever figures it out first...

...will surely be the winner in this love affair...

Come on girl, hit me with it!
Please stop!
AWW DON'T BE LIKE THAT! ♡
AHHH!
HEY, HEY, PRETTY NICE!
WHY DON'T YOU COME KEEP US COMPANY GIRLIE?
AHEM! WHAT ARE YOU BOYS DOING?
STO—
STOP IT PLEASE!
WH—
WHO'S THERE?!

YOU RASCALS SHOULD STOP THAT
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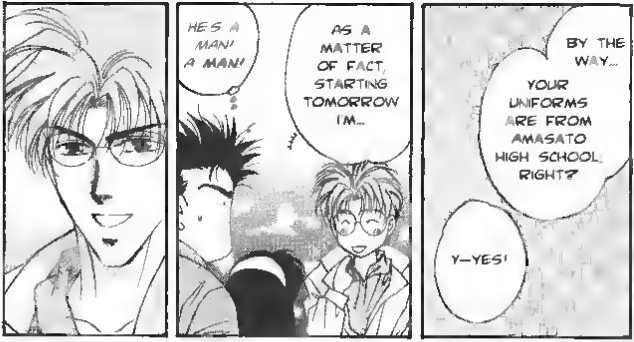
HUH?
SHE DOESN'T SEEM TO LIKE IT.
Am I naive?
HMM?
DOESN'T THAT GIRL GO TO MY SCHOOL?
PLEASE LET GO OF ME..!
THIS IS NOTHIN' TO DO WITH YOU SO GET LOST!
SH— SHUT UP! WHO THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!

Dun Dun Dun!
I SAID, SCRAM!
flip
HUH?
YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED
BEHAVE YOURSELF OLD MAN
WHAT THE HELL...?
TWITCH
OLD... MAN?!

TWENTY-TWO!!!
I'M ONLY—
BUT—
I...
OH, I SEE
I'M SEVENTEEN
DAMN—DAMN YOU!!!
cough cough
You OK? You OK??
UGH...

UHM...
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
WE'LL REMEMBER THIS!!
bleh
NEXT TIME, JUST BE MORE CAREFUL, AL...
NO BIG DEAL.
...RIGHT....

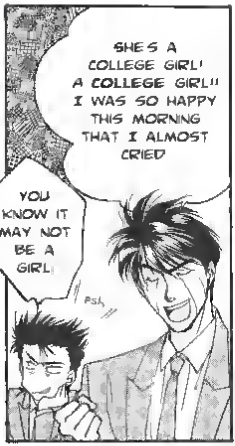
In Shikibu's heart...
The bells of love ring!
DUN
DUN
DUN
!!
wh-what's going on?! Just mildly attractive!! but... but...!!
F-
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE!!
UHM...


HE'S A MAN! A MAN!
AS A MATTER OF FACT, STARTING TOMORROW I'M...
BY THE WAY...
YOUR UNIFORMS ARE FROM AMASATO HIGH SCHOOL, RIGHT?
Y-YES!

HE'S ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE!
I-!!
I HAVE TO GO, SORRY!
EEP!

AWW, HE LEFT.
Whoom
AH-!

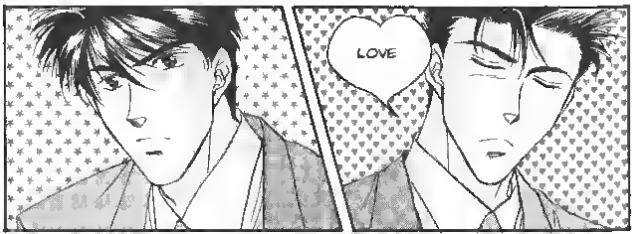
thud thud thud thud thud thud thud thud
SIGH
MORNING, SHIKIBU-CHAN! HOW'S IT HANGING?
YO!!!
OGATA...
PANT PANT
Hey Ogata you okay there?
Shut up!
Ogata
NO, I'M IN A HURRY!!
WHERE'S THAT TEACHER'S PET?
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS THIS HYPER?
BECAUSE, MY FRIEND...


SHE'S A COLLEGE GIRL! A COLLEGE GIRL!! I WAS SO HAPPY THIS MORNING THAT I ALMOST CRIED
YOU KNOW IT MAY NOT BE A GIRL!
Psh

College Girl
Kaowah
STARTING TODAY, A PERKY YOUNG COLLEGE GIRL IS COMING HERE TO BE A STUDENT TEACHER!!

DUMB ASS!
WHAT IS IT? DIARRHEA?
How embarassing

OGATA I AM SUFFERING RIGHT NOW
Stop it!
TODAY I MAKE MY MOVE
nose

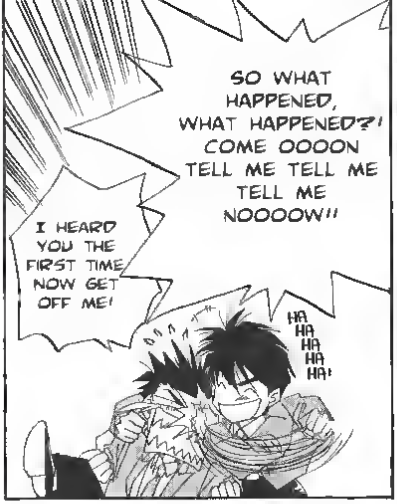

LOVE

BUWA—
DON'T LAUGH!
I'LL KILL YOU IF YOU LAUGH AT ME!
LOVE—?! WHAT— YOU—?!
AH— SHH! THE TEACHER'S COMING!
STUDENTS—
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE
THE STUDENT TEACHER THAT'S STARTING TODAY.
COME ON IN.
YES, SIR.
MY NAME IS TSUTSUMI MASAYUKI.
I'LL BE TEACHING CLASSICS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. PLEASED TO MEET YOU ALL.

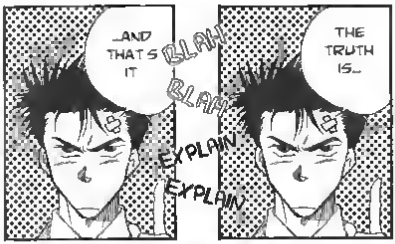
YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!!
YES SIR!
WELL TAKE ROLL!
UHH...
SHUT UP! LEAVE ME ALONE! FACE THE FRONT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
HEY... SHIKIBU!
AWW MAN! IT'S A GUY
HEY
ASAI?
HERE
ISE?
HERE
AKESHI?
HERE

SHIKIBU?
THIS IS DANGEROUS... WHAT AM I GOING TO DO...?
OGATA?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RIGHT HERE, SIR!!
WHERE'S SHIKIBU?
What's he doing?
YOU...!
Might as well come out on my own
To hell with it...

YOU HAVE A VERY NICE NAME.
I'm gonna kill him later!! #
I HATE IT.
WELL I LIKE IT.
SHIKIBU YUKARI.
MOREOVER, YOU WERE QUITE IMPRESSIVE YESTERDAY.


SO WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT HAPPENED?! COME OOOON TELL ME TELL ME TELL ME NOOOOW!!
I HEARD YOU THE FIRST TIME NOW GET OFF ME!
HA HA HA HA HA!

QUITE IMPRESSIVE YESTERDAY
SHIKIBU YUKARI
SMIRK


...AND THAT'S IT
BLAH BLAH EXPLAIN EXPLAIN
THE TRUTH IS...

SO THAT'S IT...
HMM...

HUH?
NO!
AND SO YOU'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THAT GIRL
I SEE...
I'M WRONG? BUT...
NO WAY...
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE...
!!!
YOU KNOW...
IT MAY NOT BE A GIRL...

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IN LOVE WITH THE HOODLUM?!
YEAH RIGHT!

THEN... IF IT'S NOT THE GIRL, AND IT'S NOT THE PUNKS...
DON'T TELL ME IT'S THE...?

WHY THE HELL WOULD I FALL IN LOVE WITH THAT?!
OUCHIE...

TOUGH LUCK.
YEAH.
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANTED TO!!
I COULDN'T HELP IT! I JUST FELL FOR THAT BASTARD TSUTSUMI AT FIRST SIGHT!

AH—!!
AH—?!
NO WAY!!!

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OH CRAP OH CRAP OH CRAP WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?!?
HE HEARD ME FOR SURE!
SHIKIBU KUN...
YES SIR!
PARDON ME, BUT... COULD YOU COME HERE FOR A MOMENT?
Y...
YES SIR!
WELL... BE SEEING YOU, SHIKIBU...
HUH?!
GOOD LUCK, MAN!
OGATA YOU SON OF A BITCH!!!

SOPHOMORE CLASSROOMS
GODDAMN IT, DAMN THAT BASTARD FOR RUNNING AWAY!
UHM... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I HADN'T THOUGHT YOU WERE A PERSON WITH THOSE SORT OF TENDENCIES!
PLEASE DON'T EVER COME NEAR ME AGAIN!
AAARGH!!
THANKS! I'D HAVE A HARD TIME CARRYING THESE ON MY OWN!
thunk

BY THE WAY, I HEARD—
WHEW... THANK GOD...
HE DIDN'T HEAR
THIS GUY IS GOING TO GIVE ME A HEART ATTACK!
AH... YEAH! SO IT IS...
—THAT THE COURTYARD YOU TWO WERE IN IS CALLED THE "RIVER OF THE SKY"
HOW DID IT GET THAT NAME?
RIVER
GIRLS SIDE
BOYS SIDE
AND THE COURTYARD BETWEEN THE BOYS BUILDING AND THE GIRLS BUILDING IS LONG AND NARROW, LIKE A RIVER
AH, I SEE!
RIGHT
THIS IS AN ALL-BOYS SCHOOL, BUT THE BUILDING IS DIVIDED

THIS STORY...
ISN'T THIS FROM THE TSUTSUMI CHUNAGON?
Big trans. note on this.
Shushou Who Plucked the Cherry Blossoms
I NEVER GAVE IT MUCH THOUGHT... ACTUALLY...
RATHER ROMANTIC DON'T YOU THINK?
WELL, YES, BUT... IT LOSES A LOT WHEN YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT.
IT'S THE STORY OF SOME DUMB GUY THAT TRIES TO ABDUCT A NOBLEMAN'S DAUGHTER BUT ENDS UP ABDUCTING HER AUNT INSTEAD, RIGHT?
YEAH... WELL, IN PASSING.
YOU KNOW OF IT?

"...WAS A WOMAN OF INFINITE BEAUTY."
"THE AUNT, TOO..."
WHAT?
NEVER MIND IT'S NOTHING
SOMETIMES I SAY THINGS THAT MIGHT BE MISUNDERSTOOD, SO I CAN'T REALLY EXPLAIN IMPORTANT THINGS
CERTAINLY, THE ONE THAT GOT ABDUCTED WAS THE AUNT AND NOT THE YOUNG LADY, BUT...
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT...
BUT, SENSEI...
NO MATTER HOW PRETTY HOW CUTE HE IS...
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP
IT WAS NOTHING...
古典準備

HE'S TOO OLD.
AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT.
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SO—!
SINCE THE INTRAMURAL TRACK MEET IS COMING UP, THE ATHLETES ARE TRAINING AFTER SCHOOL
YOU—! THE VERY BASTARD THAT NOMINATED ME TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHEN I WAS HOME SICK EH SHIKIBU!?
HA HA HA!
I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE—
NOPE, YOU'RE COMING TOO.
OH REALLY?
BUT IF YOU RUN IN THE TRACK MEET I CAN FORGET ABOUT LITTLE THINGS LIKE THAT...

WE'VE MADE IT THIS FAR WE CAN MAKE IT TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP!
SURE ENOUGH, TWO WEEKS DID FLY BY
REALLY REALLY!
TWO WEEKS WILL GO BY IN NO TIME!
2-C
Second year boys,
Take your places for the rival class relay
pat
GOOD LUCK!

Only he can see them
sparkle
sparkle
sparkle
HEY, SHIKIBU!
LET'S GO!!
2-C
式部
RIGHT...
What were you looking at?
Nothing! Shut up!
kyaa!
kyaa!
CLANK
BANG!
Whoosh!

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IT'S THAT BASTARD FROM BEFORE !!!
IT'S HIM—!!
H-HEY, LOOK OUT IN THE FIELD!
WHAT?
I'LL MAKE HIM PAY FOR THAT, IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO...
THAT TIME WE WERE SO UTTERLY HUMILIATED...
NYAH HA HA!
SO YOU WERE A TRACE?!
...
AND THE GIRL FROM BEFORE TOO HUH?

Second year, team C!
Winner of the boys' intramural competition,
HA HA HA HA! COMPLETE VICTORY! EASY VICTORY! CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY!!
HEY, SHIKIBU...
YEAH?
DON'T EVEN COMPLAIN! I'M LENDING YOU A HAND HERE!
OH THE BURDEN OF BEING ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!
AND YET EVEN WHEN IT'S OVER, I HAVE TO STAY AND CLEAN UP!

HOW'S IT GOING? IT'S NOT
HOW'S...
HOW'S IT GOING WITH TSUTSUMI-SENSEI?
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO
SO YOU'RE JUST GIVING UP?!
YOU...!! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTED ME TO RUN YOUR DAMN RACE SO I'D FORGET ABOUT HIM!
OKAY, OKAY! I'M SORRY!
AND I THOUGHT THAT IF YOU REALLY COULD FORGET THAT WOULD BE FOR THE BEST
BUT YOU...
WHENEVER I SEE YOU, YOU'RE LOOKING AT HIM.

JEEZ, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO ADMIRE YOU OR FEEL SORRY FOR YOU
GOOD GRIEF
YOU KNOW...
MOST GUYS WOULD BACK-PEDAL RIGHT AWAY IF THEY REALIZED THEY'D FALLEN FOR ANOTHER GUY.
CERTAINLY IT'S UNUSUAL TO FEEL THE WAY YOU DO FOR TSUTSUMI-SENSEI BUT...
SOMEHOW I THINK IT'S MORE DESERVING OF THE WORD "LOVE."
OGATA...
NEVER MIND
THAT'S JUST THE WAY I AM. I SHOULD STAY OUT OF THIS I'M SORRY
BUT...
IN ANY CASE~
I WANT YOU TO DO YOUR BEST. I HAVE FAITH IN YOU.
KYAAAAH!!

Hh
Let's go check it out!
Agreed.
IT CAME FROM THE STORAGE SHEDS!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
IT WAS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, AND WE'RE REALLY PISSED OFF!
HEH HEH HEH!
I bet that hurt.
THOUGHT YOU COULD GET AWAY WITH MAKING US LOOK STUPID, DID YOU?
UP HERE.
ABOVE YOU.
WH— WHO'S THERE?!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
TODAY, WE GET THE GIRL, BUDDY!
KYAA!

I WON'T FORGIVE A GUY THAT MAKES GIRLS CRY
EVERYONE KNOWS YOU SHOULD TREAT GIRLS NICELY
THAT'S RIGHT, OLD MAN
YOU GUYS AGAIN...!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO?
Doh!
SHIKIBU!
OGATA!
TSUTSUMI-?!

CRACK!
ERK..!
WHICH ONE OF YOU HURT HIM?!
TELL ME...
HUH?
WHICH ONE OF YOU...
GET READY, OLD MAN!
YOU HURT THE ONE THAT'S IMPORTANT TO ME, I'LL HURT YOU.
ばきべきばき
GUH..!
HIM... IT WAS HIM!!
WOOO SCARY!
YOU TRAITOROUS SON OF A BITCH!

WH... WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIGHT?
FUOO
HSO
IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!!
I'M SORRY! I'M SOOOOO SORRY!
I...
I'LL DO MY BEST!
YEAH...
GOOD LUCK
I'll cut out to your way
SINCE WE FIRST MET, I'VE BEEN THINKING...
SHIKIBU...
TSUTSUMI-SENSEI!
happy face
HUH?
IT'S DANGEROUS. I'LL ESCORT YOU HOME
SO...
WHERE DO YOU LIVE?
I'M WALKING HER HOME
lucky!
SEE YOU LATER, SHIKIBU!
OGATA

AND YOU KEEP GETTING INTO TROUBLE WITH THOSE GUYS FROM EARLIER...
THAT'S WHY I CAN'T JUST LEAVE YOU ALONE!
YOU'RE PRETTY, AND CUTE, AND NICE, AND—
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.
THAT... THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D SAY TO A GIRL...!
SHIKI...
THAT'S WHY I'LL PROTECT YOU!
THIS IS EVEN MORE RIDICULOUS THAN THAT MAN WHO ACCIDENTALLY KIDNAPPED THE AUNT!
THIS—
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT AT FIRST TOO

I...
I...
BUT... TOMORROW IS MY LAST DAY HERE
AHH... WELL, I MEAN... YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER RIGHT AWAY...
IT WASN'T A MISTAKE TO LIKE YOU
IT'S NOT A MISTAKE!
BUT NOW I KNOW THAT IT'S THE TRUTH!
I'LL FOLLOW YOU
UNTIL YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME TOO.
NO MATTER HOW MANY YEARS IT TAKES— I'LL FOLLOW YOU.

"WAIT FOR ME."
THAT'S WHAT YOU ASKED ME.
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT?
YES
Because it sounded like I was proposing.
ALTHOUGH I HAD NO IDEA IT WAS REALLY GOING TO TAKE SIX YEARS.
AND I LIKED YOU THE WHOLE TIME.
HUH?
SINCE THAT MOMENT, I ALWAYS LIKED YOU
BECAUSE IT MADE ME HAPPY THAT YOU WERE GOING TO PURSUE ME
WHA— WHY?!
OHH IT WAS TOUGH—BUT I FEEL NO REGRET AT HAVING MADE A MAN WAIT SIX YEARS FOR ME!
Muah-a!

SIX YEARS OF MY LIFE... HOW ON EARTH...
AFTER ALL, YOU WERE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
GRANTED, I LOOK LIKE I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL TOO...
BUT YOU WERE ALREADY SO HANDSOME AND I WAS THINKING, WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?
I WAS FALLING MORE AND MORE IN LOVE WITH YOU...
AND YOU WERE SO SWEET THE WAY YOU CHASED AFTER ME.
WHEN YOU ADMITTED HOW YOU FELT...
SUDDENLY I WASN'T CONTENT WITH JUST BEING CHASED
I'M SO GREEDY
BECAUSE YOU'LL MAKE ME HAPPY...
WON'T YOU?

YUP!
BEING WITH ME...
MAKES YOU HAPPY?
THEN BY ALL MEANS...
LET'S BE HAPPY LIKE THIS OUR WHOLE LIVES.
MM!
And thus ends...
The story of the two who are (possibly) happier than our heroes
For now, farewell!

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chatter
chatter
RING!
—YES... YES SIR! UNDERSTOOD SIR
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF THAT FOR ME
OGATA!
YOU HAVE A VISITOR WAITING
VISITOR?

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HE'S BUSY RIGHT NOW COULD YOU PLEASE WAIT FOR HIM OVER THERE?
SURE

WHO COULD IT BE?
THERE'S NO ONE ON THE SCHEDULE...
HUH?
HE'LL KNOW ME WHEN HE SEES ME...
—IS WHAT HE SAID
WELL... THAT IS...
BO KO!

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THESE GAMES
IT'S BEEN SO HECTIC AROUND HERE SINCE I GOT BACK FROM THE HOT SPRINGS...
KNOW HIM WHEN I SEE HIM HUH?
BEEP
WHAT IF IT'S—
TAKASUGI
?!

"THEN I GUESS FOR A WHILE..."
WE WON'T BE SEEING MUCH OF EACH OTHER"
"A LOT OF WORK BUILT UP OVER THE WEEKEND"
"SAME HERE"
"I SEE"
he visits so much that they know his FACE
NO IF IT WERE TAKASUGI THE GIRL AT THE DESK WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED HIM
ALSO—
—SO HE SAID
AND ACTUALLY I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR NEARLY THREE DAYS
THIS IS PAINFUL
DO I HAVE TO PUT UP WITH SOME GUY WHO WON'T EVEN GIVE ME HIS NAME?!
WHY, AT A TIME WHEN I CAN'T SEE THE PERSON THAT I WANT TO BE WITH THE MOST...

BUT NOW IT MAKES ME UNHAPPY WHEN I CAN'T SEE HIS FACE
I USED TO BE ABLE TO GET BY WITHOUT SEEING HIM..
SORRY SORRY!
OH I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!"
DING
MOREOVER I'VE MADE SUCH A FUSS ABOUT IT..
THAT I CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO TELL HIM THAT NOW
AND GIVEN SOME TIME I CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT THE THOUGHT I HAD THEN.
MAYBE IF IT WERE WITH TAKASUGI IT WOULD BE OKAY..

WHOOSH
DING
BUT YOU LOVE HIM KOHSAKU!!
SO MUCH THAT NO AMOUNT OF FUSSING OR SILLY PRIDE MAKES A DIFFERENCE
I LOVE TAKASUGI!!
Yes.

Kick!
WHO THE HELL?!
WATCH WHAT YOU'RE DOING, YOU SON OF A BITCH!
YOU'RE SLOW.
AND AS STUPID-LOOKING AS EVER.
SO CLUMSY KO-CHAN ♡
Y—
YOU!!

WHO ARE YOU?
YOU'RE SUCH A DICK!
QUIT ACTING LIKE YOU DON'T KNOW ME WHEN WE'RE IN PUBLIC!
YOU WON'T SAY WHO YOU ARE I GET CALLED OUT HERE YOU CALL ME AN IDIOT TO MY FACE— YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE! NOW WHO ARE YOU, JERK?!
YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ME!!
KO—
KOUHEI ?!

WAIT.
twomp
TODOROKI KOUHEI, LADIES MAN EXTRAORDINAIRE, JAPAN'S MOST VALUED NATIONAL TREASURE, COMES TO PAY YOU A VISIT AND YOU SAY THAT'S NOT A GOOD THING?!
HOW CAN YOU SAY ALL THAT WITH A STRAIGHT FACE?
I BEG YOUR PARDON...
BECAUSE YOU ARE HERE AND THAT IS NEVER A GOOD THING!!
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?
HUH?
GIMME YOUR KEY
HUH? OH, RIGHT.
OKAY FORGET THAT WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

THE KEY TO YOUR MISERABLE EXCUSE FOR A CONDO
WHY?!
BECAUSE SOMEONE I WANT TO AVOID IS COMING TO MY PLACE
SOME-ONE YOU WANT TO AVOID?
YEAH
WELL THEN, I'LL LET MYSELF IN.
DOH!
OH RIGHT RIGHT, AND COME HOME EARLY SO YOU CAN COOK FOR ME
YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN DAMNED DINNER, TURD!!
THAT'S NOT HOW YOU SHOULD TREAT YOUR FAVORITE COUSIN, KO-CHAN. ♡
see ya!
OH MAN—

OF ALL PEOPLE—
THE PERSON I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO AVOID SHOWED UP
COME ON, HURRY UP WITH DINNER!
MAKING ME WAIT THIS LONG— JEEZ!
QUIT BITCHING I'M DOING THIS FOR YOU!!!
HERE IT'S DONE
MM
chomp chomp
Hmm nasty
Quit complaining or make it yourself!

FOR YOU TO SHOW UP AT MY PLACE, THERE MUST BE A DAMN GOOD REASON!
DON'T PLAY DUMB!
NO NO REASON.
SO— WHAT IS IT THIS TIME?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
ALLOW ME TO RECALL—YOU CAME TO MY PLACE THE TIME YOU FAILED OUT OF SCHOOL ALL THE TIMES YOU GOT DUMPED THE TIME YOU LOST THE BIG GAME, THE TIME THAT YOU GOT BEAT UP AT THE PACHINKO PARLOR AMONG OTHER OCCASIONS—YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY A GUY THAT PEOPLE ARE GLAD TO SEE
...YOU'RE A REAL BITCH YOU KNOW THAT?
OH REALLY
WELL, I'M OFF TO TAKE A BATH
RIGHT, RIGHT.
WHAT'S THIS HOOLIGAN TALKING ABOUT?
"HE"?
HE'S NOT A BAD GUY
I think !!! this one is underrated!
JUST CHILL OUT, OKAY?

SLAM
NO MATTER WHAT HE SAYS—
I CAN'T TRUST HIM!
BAH

I UNDERSTAND NOT WANTING TO MEET IN PUBLIC...
BUT I WANTED TO SEE HIM SO I ENDED UP COMING HERE
HE DIDN'T ANSWER THE PHONE...
I HOPE HE'S STILL AWAKE...
OGATA...
AND YET THE REALITY IS LIKE THIS
CAN'T SEE HIM AT ALL!
WE COULD SEE DIFFERENT SIDES OF EACH OTHER
I THOUGHT WE COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER
I THOUGHT WE WANTED TO BE TOGETHER MORE THAN BEFORE
EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO TALK TO HIM...
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE EACH OTHER
I THOUGHT THAT GOING ON THAT TRIP WOULD BE THE SOLUTION TO OUR PROBLEMS...

YES?
whoosh
SO I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO JUST SHOW UP!
ding dong
he has the same face as kokseku, but
WHO IS THIS
SPLASH
HAAA...

THUD
THUD
CRASH
BAM
BOOM
uwah!
TAKASUGI...
I WANT TO SEE YOU!
AT LEAST IN HERE I DON'T HAVE TO KEEP KOUHEI COMPANY
GUH
GUH—
W—
WHAT WAS THAT?!
OGATA!!
TAKASUGI!!
HEY, KOUHEI!!

GRAB
HMPH!
TODOROKI KOUHEI. KOHSAKU'S COUSIN.
PING!
TAKASUGI YOICHIROH.
UH... UHM... THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU TWO HAVE MET, ISN'T IT?
KOUHEI !!
AS I RECALL, THAT IS WHAT I SAID, BUT...
FIRST THING HE SAYS WHEN HE OPENS THE DOOR
DID HE SAY SOMETHING?
"WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH MY KOHSAKU?"
COUSIN ?!
THEN WHY DID HE...?

IS THERE A REASON WHY HE HAD TO HIT ME?
EEK
UHH...
I'LL BE STAYING HERE FOR A WHILE, IF YOU DON'T MIND
HMM...
HEY KOHSAKU
RIGHT— AND I'LL GO FINISH MY BATH NOW!
WELL I'LL BE HEADING HOME NOW...
ho ho
yeah yeah
GAH—

WHAT THE HELL IS WITH THAT GUY?!
...I'M SORRY...
AH... NO
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
HE LOOKS LIKE YOU, BUT HE DOESN'T ACT LIKE YOU
SO IT'S ALL OKAY
!
TAKASUGI ?
CHUK
HMM?
DID YOU HIT KOUHEI BECAUSE YOU WERE JEALOUS?
COUGH
WHA— WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
WERE YOU?

Ah—!
pounce

I LOVE YOU
AH...
AND I DON'T MIND, BECAUSE I GOT TO KISS YOU IN THE END
Pat
MAYBE I WAS A LITTLE JEALOUS.
ODD ISN'T IT?
GOOD NIGHT!
I'M GLAD I GOT TO SEE YOU
HE'S_ SO SEXY_

PRISSY BASTARD
Nyah!
HMPH
However...
A week passed...
And yet Kouhei did not leave.
WELL SUCKS TO BE YOU!
he he he!
SHIKIBU I BEG YOU..
I GUESS JUST LET HIM STAY UNTIL HE HAS TO GO IN APRIL
NOTHING TO BE DONE...
← Kouhei is starting to get on his nerves too
MANLY PRIDE BE DAMNED!
THIS WORLD IS HEAVEN!
MY LIFE IS ROSE COLORED!

RIGHT AFTER HE WAS BORN HE WAS ADOPTED BY THE TODOROKI FAMILY
HUH ?!
THAT GUY KOUHEI...
HE'S ACTUALLY MY TWIN.
TAKASUGI
Is this what you two do at work?
AH... SO THAT'S WHY
GRANTED, THEY SPOILED HIM AS A CHILD SO HE'S KIND OF BRATTY NOW...
OH...
I thought you looked too much alike for cousins
THAT'S WHY HE COMES TO MY PLACE WHENEVER SOMETHING HAPPENS
I-
EH?
BUT HE CAME—
AND THAT GAVE ME SOMETHING TO BE GLAD OF TOO

I WOULDN'T MIND IF HE FOUND OUT ABOUT US
OGATA -
I CAN'T KEEP WORRYING ABOUT HIM ANYMORE
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU ALL THE TIME
WHEN I CAN'T BE WITH YOU...
I FEEL LIKE I'LL GO CRAZY

AH—!
EXCUSE ME, THAT'S MY PAGER!
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
GAH!
THAT WAS SHIKIBU...
WELCOME BACK. WHAT WAS THE MATTER?
ka-chik
WELL, CAN'T BE HELPED.
That's company life.
THERE SEEMS TO BE A ONE-MAN RIOT.
SOMETHING'S GOING DOWN TONIGHT
YEAH.
SHIKIBU?

I SEE...
SO THAT'S WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO HIDE?
IT'S JUST THAT I... I WANT TO BE WITH HIM ALL THE TIME
BUT I CAN'T BECAUSE I'M STILL A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL
SLAM
BAM BAM BAM BAM
YOU ARE NOT AT FAULT! THE ONE AT FAULT IS THE ONE WHO PEEKED INTO YOUR CLASSROOM DURING YOUR LUNCH BREAK, SAW YOU VISITING WITH YOUR FRIENDS, THREW A HISSY FIT AND RAN AWAY, HOGGING HIS LOCATION FROM YOU—THAT KOUHEI
AH— IS THAT HIM COMING BACK?

WELCOME HOME
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
TA-
TAKERU ?!
WHAM!

BUT... THAT'S WHY...
I KNOW, IT'S BECAUSE I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL...
AND I CAN'T BE WITH YOU 24 HOURS A DAY
YOU FUCKING BASTARD, QUIT FOOLING AROUND!!
YOU HAD ME SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!!
I'M SORRY...
I HAVE TO BE WITH YOU
THAT'S WHY WHEN I CAN BE WITH YOU...
Man such a fuss

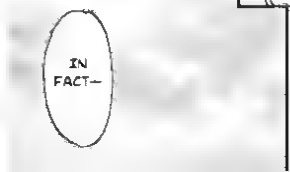
HOW DO YOU FIGURE THAT?
THOSE TWO ARE CUTE WHEN THEY'RE GETTING ALONG.
HA HA. NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.
"BEING APART FROM THE ONE YOU LOVE NEVER TURNS OUT WELL."
ISN'T THAT WHAT THEY SAY.
OH WELL ONE THING THAT I KNOW—

YOU...
...MAKE ME SO HAPPY
KOHSAKU
YES?
THAT'S WHAT I JUST SAID
YOU...
...MAKE ME HAPPY TOO

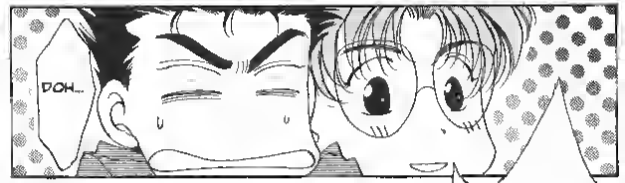
HEH
SO THAT WAS THE REASON.
I just told the kid where you lived
YEAH
AND HE CAUSED QUITE A RUCKUS TOO
WAH HAH HAH
AHH, QUIT WHINING!
IT ALL TURNED OUT FOR THE BEST, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT. THE TWO THAT LOVE EACH OTHER GET TO BE TOGETHER ALWAYS
PEOPLE ARE WATCHING US
BUT... I WAS THINKING...
Cut it out!

DON'T ACT SO SMUG!
nyah!
AWW WIDDLE OGATA IS FINALLY GROWING UP!

HEY— WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
AH NOT THAT WAY— THIS WAY.


IN FACT—

IT MAKES US HAPPY TO BE TOGETHER
IT'S SUCH A SIMPLE THING—
BUT IT TOOK ME UNTIL NOW TO REALIZE IT.



YOU'RE SHACKING UP TOGETHER?!

SHIKIBU CALM DOWN!!

Their love at last starts here!

TAKASUGI-SAN...
KOUSAKU-KUN
HUGS TIGHTLY
ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T REGRET IT LATER?
YES
THEN I GUESS IT'S FINE...
IS IT REALLY FINE?
YES

SEIKIMATSU DARLING
世紀末☆ダーリン
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IF I STOP PRETENDING TO BE A CUTE CAT, RIGHT?
GLARE
I WAS HOLDING BACK BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID I WOULD SCARE YOU BUT
TA TAKASUGI-SAN
STRAIGHT SHOOTER!!

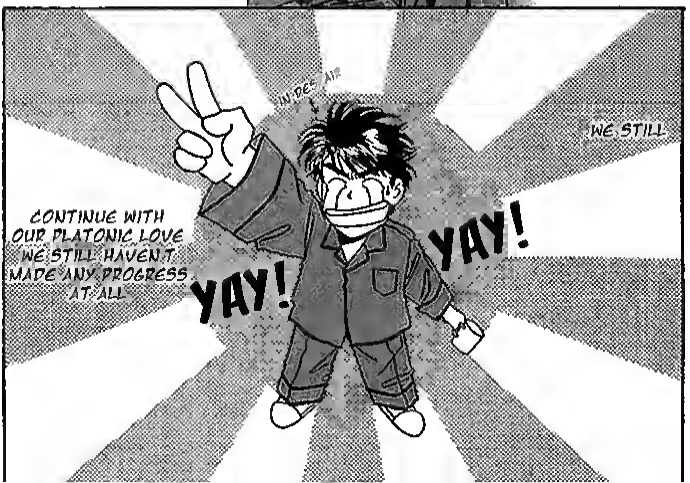
OH MY GOD!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO DO THAT ANYMORE
ACH ACH
I WILL LOVE YOU
WITH ALL OF ME— OKAY?
KOUSAKU-KUN!

GASP
KOUSAKU-KUN!!
KOUSAKU-KUN!!
URGH
URGH

GAAAAAAHHHH!
KOUSAKU-KUN?
A DREAM.
NIGHTMARE
PANT PANT
※REFERS TO SEKIMATSU DARLING 2.
A DREAM HUH... WHAT KIND OF DREAM WAS THAT?
THE BREAK-FAST IS ALMOST DONE
GO WASH YOUR FACE
AH OKAY
IT WAS ABOUT YOU
ER, WELL ... JUST A NIGHT-MARE IN THE PAST...
HUFF HUFF
WHAT'S WRONG?
DID YOU HAVE A NIGHT-MARE?

I'M OGATA KOUSAKU.
UWAAH... WHAT A TERRIBLE BED HAIR.
GOOD MORNING.
sleepy

AND AFTER ONE WEEK STARTING LIVING HAPPILY WITH TAKASUGI-SAN
I FINALLY HIT THE PERIOD OF "FALLING FOR HIM"
THE OTHER DAY... AFTER COMPETING IN OUR "SEDUCING EACH OTHER" BATTLE FOR A LONG TIME.


IN DEE AIR
WE STILL
CONTINUE WITH OUR PLATONIC LOVE
WE STILL HAVEN'T MADE ANY PROGRESS AT ALL
YAY!
YAY!

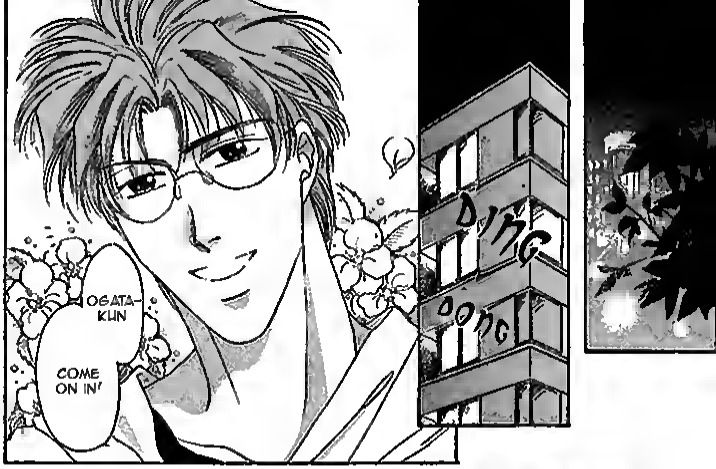
AAAHH!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M TROUBLED BY THAT JUST LIKE A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL..
GO SH
YOU WANNA KNOW THE REASON?
ISN'T THAT GUY'S FAULT?
HAIR TURNED WHITE
HOWEVER, I REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR TAKASUGI-SAN IF WE KEEP LIVING TOGETHER LIKE THIS
WELL, I'M ALSO A MAN SO I KNOW HOW FRUSTRATING IT IS
BUT.

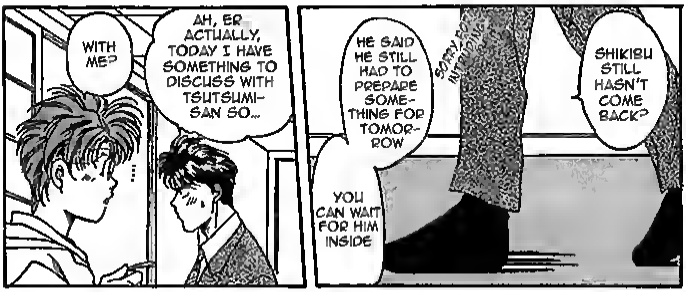
ERK!
TAKASUGI-SAN!!
BREAK-FAST'S GONNA GET COLD.
YOU SAW? DID YOU SEE IT?
Startled
EVEN THOUGH MY HEAD UNDERSTAND IT VERY WELL
MY BODY CAN'T SEEM TO ACCEPT THAT!!
KOUSAKU-KUN...
YUP!
AS I THOUGHT, THIS WAY IS BETTER.
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?
WAAH.
RUFFLE
RUFFLE
STARES
YOU STILL CALL ME CUTE DESPITE I'M LIKE THIS...
A MAN LIKE ME
TAKASUGI-SAN
TOUCHED
YOUR BANGS...
IT'S CUTER WHEN YOU LET IT DOWN

TAKASUGI-SAN. I ..!
I WANT TO
GIVE MY CHASTITY WHICH I'VE BEEN PROTECTING SO FAR TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
I'LL TRY MY BEST!!
CLENCH
?
EH? AH
DO YOUR BEST THOUGH I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
BAM
BAM
...EVEN THOUGH I SAID THAT

DAYDREAMING
IT ISN'T SIMPLE AS I THOUGHT
HE BECAME WEIRD AGAIN HUH
HEY... OGATA...
WORRIED
SCARED
MUMBLE MUMBLE MUMBLE MUMBLE
IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT'S BECAUSE I AM NOT CUTE AT ALL. THAT MUST BE IT
AS I THOUGHT
I HAVE TO BECOME A CUTE MAN FOR HIM!!
GLOBE
IN ORDER TO BECOME A SUITABLE MAN FOR TAKASUGI-SAN
ECK
HEY OGATA!
SHALL WE GO HAVE LUNCH?
PAT
SAY, TAKAGI
GRAB
JOY
WH-
WHAT'S IT?

I...
I...
FALLING BACK
!!!
DO YOU THINK...
I'M CUTE?
FREEZE
YOU KNOW, I... DON'T HAVE ANY HOBBIES LIKE THINKING OF A GUY WITH A HUGE BODY, DEEP VOICE AND EVEN HAS AN ADAM'S APPLE CUTE...
MY BAD. SORRY FOR ASKING.
TEARY
TEARY
TEARY
TEARY
HM...
THEN, I GUESS I HAVE TO HURRY AND...
STOP CRYING ALREADY.
DID I DO SOMETHING WRONG? ^^
GO TO SENSEI'S PLACE TONIGHT


OGATA-KUN
COME ON IN!
DING
DONG


AH, ER ACTUALLY, TODAY I HAVE SOMETHING TO DISCUSS WITH TSUTSUMI-SAN SO...
WITH ME?
SHIKIBU STILL HASN'T COME BACK?
SORRY FOR INTRUDING
HE SAID HE STILL HAD TO PREPARE SOMETHING FOR TOMORROW
YOU CAN WAIT FOR HIM INSIDE

IT'S RUDE OF YOU TO ASK ME THAT. SO WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
ERR.. WELL
...IS IT THE THING WITH TAKASUGI-SAN?
FLINCH

...
EVEN A MAN LIKE ME WOULD SAY YOU'RE CUTE, TSUTSUMI-SAN
UM..
HOW CAN I BECOME CUTE?
WHAT HAPPENED?
DID TAKASUGI-SAN SAY YOU'RE NOT CUTE OR SOMETHING?
NO... IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!
ALTHOUGH TAKASUGI-SAN SAID I'M CUTE BUT..
I DON'T HAVE ANY CONFIDENCE ABOUT THAT

OGATA-KUN IS CUTE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
EH?
EV... EVEN TSUTSUMI-SAN ALSO
DON'T TEASE ME, PLEASE
EH?
AH
SMOOCH

UGH...
NN...
NN...
NN...
RESISTING
ATTACK
Y.. YO!
YO OGATA!!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU THINKING?
SEE? ISN'T OGATA-KUN IN SHOCK NOW?
GOOD GRIEF YOU'RE REALLY HOPELESS
REALLY
HE STILL LOOKS SO HAPPY.
EVEN THOUGH HE SAID THAT
PFFT

PFFT
YOU DID?
I JUST CAME TO ASK TSUTSUMI-SAN SOME KNOWLEDGE OF A NEW WIFE
PISSED

SO?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU

NOW, NOW BOTH OF YOU
SHUT UP!
NO WAY. NO WAY IN HELL. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU.
POW
WHACK

YOU'RE YOU ISN'T IT FINE LIKE THAT?
CAUSE THINGS LIKE THAT ARE FOR YOU TWO TO DECIDE

SIGH

SIZZLE
YOU GUYS AREN'T KIDS ANYMORE

BUT I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH CONFIDENCE
CONFIDENCE!?
I'VE NEVER HAD THAT SO-CALLED CONFIDENCE THING IN THE BEGINNING.
I'M SURE FROM NOW ON TOO, I'LL NEVER HAVE IT.
OSATA-KUN...
YOU KNOW, EVEN I WAS SCARED AND WORRIED AT FIRST.
BUT
IT'S MORE ENJOYABLE WHEN YOU TRY TO STRUGGLE WITH IT.
THAT'S HOW LOVE IS.
YOU SEE, THERE'S NO ONE WHO HAS CONFIDENCE IN THINGS RELATED TO LOVE.
IF YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF THING THEN IT WON'T BE INTERESTING ANYMORE.
AS YOU CAN SEE
IT TOOK US 6 YEARS TO COME THIS FAR.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.
THEN, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW.
OGATA-KUN.
DON'T BE IMPATIENT.
THERE'S NO NEED TO WORRY. SINCE YOU'LL COME TO WANTING TO BE TOUCHED BY YOUR PARTNER.
WHAT'S UP?
I HOPE SO.
WELL-SAID. THOUGH I DON'T REMEMBER YOU TELLING ME THAT.
WELL, IT'S BECAUSE I DON'T SAY IT.

THERE'S NO NEED TO SAY IT.
BECAUSE SHIKIBU-KUN WILL TOUCH ME IMMEDIATELY
DO YOU HATE THE TYPE
WHO WOULD TOUCH YOU IMMEDIATELY?
ACTUALLY, I LIKE THAT TYPE.
HOP

R..TTLE
RATTLE
PIW
KA-CHUNK
KA-CHUNK
I COULDN'T GET ANY USEFUL INFORMATION AT ALL.
TSUTSUMI-SAN BEING EARNESTLY CUTE LIKE THAT
I GUESS IT ALL THANKS TO SHIKIBU'S RUDENESS HUH
"SAY WHAT?" YOU BASTARD
TAKASUGI-SAN IS
IN THAT RESPECT

I'VE MADE DINNER
DO YOU WANNA EAT NOW?
AH OKAY
WELCOME BACK
SLAM
I'M HOME
HE PREPARES MEALS FOR ME.
HE WAS A BIT OF A KLUTZ...
IF ONLY...
NOT AS CLUMSY AS SHIKISU IS FINE
EH? REALLY? AHAHA I'M SO CLUMSY
AHAHA
TAKASUGI-SAN THERE'S RICE ON YOUR FACE
CLENCH
NOTHING AT ALL!!
ALL THE THINGS I CAN DO IS
GIVE ME THAT
HE ALSO SORTS OUT MY CLOTHES.

T_N: the original phrase is "Okenton wo motte ittoride doko ni ikn tsumoridat?". This phrase means to indirectly tell the other person there's rice stuck on his face not about asking where he goes.

FLICKING FOREHEAD
NOTHING AT ALL..
HWACK
KOU-SAKU
I'M STAYING HERE!
I CAN ONLY STAY HERE CAUSE THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO IN THIS HOUSE
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO FOR TAKASUGI-SAN
WHY ARE YOU GETTING WORKED UP ALL BY YOURSELF?
IT HURTSSS...
LET ME SAY IT CLEA-RLY
I DO ALL THE HOUSEWORK BECAUSE I LIKE IT
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL BOTHERED ABOUT THAT
BUT IT WASN'T ABOUT THAT THING, AM I RIGHT?
ALL THE THINGS YOU SAID JUST NOW

I..
THE THING TAKASUGI-SAN WANTED ME TO DO... I CAN'T DO IT FOR YOU
I'M SORRY FOR BEING NOT CUTE LIKE THIS..
EVEN THOUGH YOU ALREADY GRANTED MY WISH?
EH?
I'M TALKING ABOUT BEING WITH YOU LIKE THIS NOW
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO GRANTED MY WISH FOR ME..
TAKASUGI-SAN...
WE WERE...

BECAUSE OF THE WALL CALLED "PRIDE" CAME BETWEEN US SO WE WERE FIGHTING SO HARD NOT TO LET THE OTHER CROSS THAT BORDER.
AND IT WAS YOU WHO OVERCAME THAT WALL FIRST.
WE NEED A LOT OF COURAGE TO OVERCOME THAT WALL.
BUT I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH COURAGE TO DO THAT.
I REALLY RESPECT YOU FOR OVERCOMING THAT WALL FOR ME.
I THINK WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER LIKE THIS IS BECAUSE OF YOUR STRENGTH IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THAT'S WHY I OWE YOU ALL MY LIFE.
BUT I THINK YOU ALSO ENCOUNTER THE SECOND WALL SOON HUH?
BLUSH

I KNOW THAT YOU NEED A LOT OF COURAGE TO OVERCOME THAT SECOND WALL
I ALSO KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T FILL UP THE TANK THAT FAST IF YOU USE UP ALL OF THAT ENERGY
I'LL BE PATIENT AND WAIT FOR YOU
SO JUST TAKE YOUR TIME
ALTH-OUGH
STIFF
TAKASUGI-SAN!!
I THINK YOU ARE SO CUTE WHEN WORRYING ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS

AH, RIGHT I FORGOT
ARGH... ENOUGH I GOT IT ALREADY!!
ALSO, THE PART ABOUT YOU HAVING NO SENSE OF DIRECTION, AND THAT HOT-BLOODED PART OF YOURS... OH, THAT BEING AFRAID OF MOTHS PART TOO...
WHEN YOU
YOUR SLEEPING FACE IS ALSO VERY CUTE, YOU KNOW
CLOSE YOUR EYES...
THAT'S RIGHT THIS FACE

I'M...
GLAD THAT I OVER-CAME THAT WALL..
...
...I GUESS IT'S A BIT SOON FOR THAT HUH?
WHAT'S THAT?
IF I THINK ABOUT IT
I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SEE THE CUTEST PART (IN MY OPINION) OF OSATA-KUN YET, RIGHT?
SMILE
I'M CURIOUS ABOUT THAT SO
AS I THOUGHT, COME HERE QUICKLY ♡
GRIN
TAKASUGI-SAN..

YOU KNOW, SHIKIBU-SAN WAITED FOR 6 YEARS
PLEASE DO YOUR BEST!!
EH???
I HAVE TO WAIT THAT LONG!?
...
HMM
I WITHDRAW THE SENTENCE JUST NOW
SERIOUS
GULP
HAH?
SEEMS LIKE IT'S FASTER TO BREAK THE WALL THIS TIME BY MYSELF!!
HOP ON
ARGHHH
YOU LIAR...!!

IT'S TRUE THAT I WAITED FOR 6 YEARS BUT...
IF THEY'RE LIVING TOGETHER NOW THEN WAITING FOR 6 YEARS IS A BIT HARD DON'T YOU THINK SO?
AH, I SEE THAT'S RIGHT
BUT I THINK THEY'LL BE OKAY
IF IT'S THOSE TWO, THEY'LL SURELY BE OKAY!
COME OUT HERE! YOU COWARD
DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WOULD WAIT FOR ME???
SMOKE
ICE-NOW
T/N: A COOLING PAD BRAND

EARTH
SEIKIMATSU SQUAD DARLING 5 ☆
ROAR
MERELY CHOSEN NO.2
ROAR
PRINCE TAKERU ITABASSHII - 2ND PRINCE OF ITABASSHII EMPIRE
CONQUER EARTH.
THAT'S EARTH HUH-
JUST LIKE FATHER SAID, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL PLANET! RIGHT? GENERAL TODOROKI
YES YOUR HIGHNESS

EARTH AT PRESENT...
CICADA CRY
JEEEWOOO JEEEWOOO
SO HOT
ITABASSHI!
ITABASSHI!
EM PIRE
OKAY LET'S GO, TODOROKI!!
FOR THE SUCCESS OF OUR EARTH'S INVASION PLAN*!!
ROAR ROAR
ITABASSHI!
HAHAHA!!
ITABASSHI!
EM PIRE
EM PIRE

RUMBLE
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
DOING BUSINESS IN THIS WEATHER IS A TORTURE
SHRUGGLE
KOOOM

I WON'T LET YOU DO THAT, STUPID IDIOT!!
GO!! MY DEVIL NARUTOS AND RANGERS!!
HM?
CRUSH ALL THOSE EARTH PEOPLE!!
BOOM

LOOK
AROUND
WE WON'T FORGIVE THOSE WHO WANT TO DISTURB EARTH'S PEACE.
WH... WHO ARE YOU?
n
LING
DAR
CHA
GE!!!

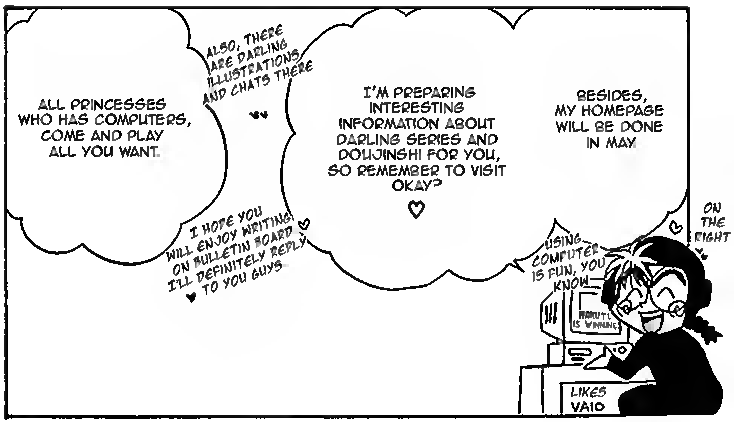
TA-DAH
DARLING S!!
SEIKIMATSU SQUAD.

HOW DARE YOU GUYS INTERFERE WITH ITABASSHI EMPIRE'S PLAN!!
YOU EARTH PEOPLE!!

THE LONG BATTLE BETWEEN DARLING S AND ITABASSHI EMPIRE STARTED...
ROA
ROA
ON STANDBY
PISSED
WHO.. WHO DID YOU CALL CLOAK MAN? YOU INSOLENT BASTARD!!!
YOU'RE ANNOYING SHUT THE HELL UP, CLOAK MAN!!
AS LONG AS WE, DARLING S, ARE STILL HERE, WE WILL NEVER LET YOU DISTURB EARTH'S PEACE!!
AND SO
MY NAME IS TODOROKI YOU HEAR THAT? THIS DUMBASS S JERK
FIGHT! DARLING S. WORK!! DARLING S. TOMORROW WILL BE YOUR HOME RUN!!
SEIKIMATSU ★ DARLING S / END

AFTERWORD
YAY!!
I AAAMMM NARUTO MAKI!!
AND SO, TOGETHER WITH THOSE REGULAR CHARACTERS AND FIRST-TIME APPEARING CHARACTERS, HELLO EVERYONE.
I AAAMMM OGATA!!
SINCE I'M IN MY NEW ROOM NOW, I'LL DO MY BEST WITH MY WORKS. PLEASE SUPPORT ME FROM NOW ON TOO.
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING TILL NOW
ALTHOUGH IT'S MYSTERY BUT THIS MANGA IS NOT A BIT MYSTERY
IT'S A BITSUDDEN BUT "SEIKIMATSU DARLING" WAS MOVED TO "MYSTERY BONITA" PUBLISHED BY AKITA BOOKSHOP
OH BUT SINCE I DREW ALL OF THIS, YOU GUYS WILL BUY IT EVEN IF I DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THIS, WON'T YOU?
HEHE
SINCE I TRIED MY BEST TO DRAW THIS. PRAISE ME. PRAISE ME!
DRAWING BOX
ARE ALSO RENEWED AND THOSE WHO RENTED THIS MANGA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
THAT'S WHY TO THOSE WHO BOUGHT THIS RENEWAL "SEIKIMATSU DARLING"

ALSO, TO EVERYONE WHO READ NARUTO'S MANGA
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENCOURAGING LETTERS AND SUPPORT AS ALWAYS!!
ALLTHOSE LETTERS WILL BECOME NARUTO'S POWER IN THE FUTURE
THANK YOU POSE 3.
ESPECIALLY AFTER I SAID I WOULD TAKE A BREAK OF DARLING SERIES IN THE WINTER OF 1998, I REALLY RECEIVED TONS OF LETTERS.
SOB
ALL OF YOU ARE SO KIND THAT IT MAKES ME WANT TO CRY
THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT ME
THANKS TO YOUR KIND LETTERS, I COULD CONTINUE TO DRAW DARLING SERIES. I'M GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART.
I'LL HAPPILY PUT ALL MY POWER INTO IT AND DRAW MANY WORKS FOR YOU FROM NOW ON.
Please
PLEASE WATCH OVER THESE HAPPY DARLINGS OF NARUTO FROM NOW ON TOO.


ALL PRINCESSES WHO HAS COMPUTERS, COME AND PLAY ALL YOU WANT.
ALSO, THERE ARE DARLING ILLUSTRATIONS AND CHATS THERE
I'M PREPARING INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT DARLING SERIES AND DOUJINSHI FOR YOU, SO REMEMBER TO VISIT OKAY?
BESIDES, MY HOMEPAGE WILL BE DONE IN MAY
I HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY WRITING ON BULLETIN BOARD I'LL DEFINITELY REPLY TO YOU GUYS
ON THE EIGHT
USING COMPUTER IS FUN, YOU KNOW
LIKES VAIO

I'LL SEE YOU AGAIN ON VOL. 2.
WELL THEN
SEE YOU

SEIKIMATSU ☆ SOLAR DARLING

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